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**A New Civilization.** Georgia is a southern state. Georgia is a Democratic state, though seceding from the Union in 1861. Alexander Beaufort, Robert Tombs, John H. Gresham, John Hill were uncompromising champions of states rights. They are dead and gone, but Georgia remains a Democratic state.

Georgia lawmakers concluded in special session on Wednesday morning. They ratified the national prohibition amendment Wednesday afternoon. Georgia is the twelfth state to ratify the national prohibition amendment.

Five wet states of the legislature of five wet states have ratified the amendment. Ratification failed in Louisiana by one vote. Roads closed law makers dodged the heat and submitted the amendment to a referendum of the people. Now, with no enemies dodged or sidestepped. They deferred to let the people pass since the issue. This is the record of states in date.

The handwriting is on the wall. National prohibition is coming.

Long before the year 1924 Americans will realize it will be unlawful to manufacture or import or sell intoxicants.

Beer is on the blink. John Barleycorn is on the run. His friends are in trouble.

Those who have been clamoring for a salvo of America's power and America efficient to the bone are the men of the lone drawn-out battle. They are to be the winners of the decision.

An old civilization is passing away. A new civilization is coming. It will be a civilization without the saloon as a institution and without poison as beverages. —Port Worth Record.

**Charley Vindicates Jim.** The alleged campaign Jim Ferguson is making for the governorship and "vindication" is not without its incidents.

One of those is the heated attack of former Senator C. A. Hughes of the Temple bank, declaring that Jim "treacherously" embezzled the \$500,000 item to the amount of Ferguson, resolute, instead of in Ferguson's personal account.

He gave the bank the benefit of the "error."

Ferguson's personal account was graciously exhausted and he was undoubtedly over-honest. Begrimed over-dressed, over-drawn in such a way that it had been a national topic. United States mail would have originated in Temple and about the bank's door.

Hughes knew the state of Ferguson's personal account and when he was asked to pay the long held by the bank of the known day, he had lied one of two things, etc., mortgaged his entire excess loans of "treacherously" charge it to the popular of "Ferguson, Governor."

So he gave the bank the benefit of the "error."

Didn't Jim know that his personal account was about exhausted when the bank was baulking the life out of him to get him to reduce his living to minimum within halving distance of the legal limit?

Wasn't Jim going to show apparently the condition of his personal accounts, when instead of meeting his old debts he had debts due to other creditors him?

And if Brother Hughes was so guilty, was he in the payment of private obligation, amounting to \$500,000 out of public funds, what does Brother Hughes think of the status to the State? Two years later after impeachment proceedings were begun, when Jim began another trust funds to make up this \$500,000?

Why didn't Brother Hughes say it? He affidavit just what the honor able and Jim's personal and other behavior to see when the message came to Jim that he held by the Texas Bank? Why didn't he mention the size of the Ferguson's entire loan?

And how did it happen that old "treacherous" transaction stood 50 years before it was certified, when other old funds were drawn since an attempt to make the dark secret it made?

Ed. Charley — Houston Post.

## OTHER VIEWS

Ident of their choice to carry on the work he was doing for a third term. They have never chosen to do, but some time they doubtless will, and when they do it will be an more a moment than when they direct him to continue his work for a second term.

There is, however, a "moment." The moment is to the units of the American people. It consists in the unswayed attachment of such men as Mr. Wilson on the one side and Mr. Pepper on the other. They should stop throwing monkey wrenches into the war machinery. Our business is to work for a third term, not to dispose of the presidency after 1920.

In heart the American people should be treated as as little pressure as possible, and as few causes of division should be thrust among them as may be. Let those who are more interested in the Alamo and the Alamo, and as quickly as possible, for their talk is kindly disposed to the great body of their constituency. —New York Times.

## Coercion

The government has made it plain that coercion should not be used to force the sale of war bonds, stamps, and other federal securities. Yellow fever and other threatening special diseases, however, will get people out of town in the south and the eight are forced upon, and imposed.

Cooperation and financial support for the war campaigns is best achieved through the use of common sense. Threats and coercion may force a small amount of money, but the money will not be better.

If the soldiers were left to their own devices, a man's conscience is likely to force him to live up on the right side sooner or later.

During other drives, reports have shown where volunteer committees have forced people to contribute. Threats have been frequent, and yellow fever has been used. There are no methods or sound sense in man who refrains to help a good movement along should not be forced to make a show of patriotism, because whatever he does will brand him as a hypocrite, and the nation can do without him. Letting him severely generally helps him to his cause.

There should be no continuation experiments. There is no loss in this case, and it has been made plain that coercion is not the best method. Buying war stamps ought to be a pleasure, not a pain, a purchase, but an investment. People are doing well in this respect, but the time has to do a great deal better if the quota is reached.—Indiansapolis News.

## Animals in Gas Attacks

Pelicans are having been constituted by our enemies a weapon of war.

With the American Army in France, July 1—Lieutenant Pittman of an American pursuit squadron brought down a German biplane last night.

The number of German prisoners captured by us in the month of June was 1,557, including 39 officers.

**AMERICAN FOREST IS TRANSFORMED INTO A VAST MILITARY CAMP**

## SUCCESS RESTS WITH ITALIANS IN OFFENSIVE

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twenty-four of the 228 persons on board have been reported safe. The fate of those who are missing is unknown.

In France there have been located at least at various points north of the Marne on the west side of the salient driven into the allied lines by the German offensive that was begun May 27.

The French have advanced their lines of the Chateau River once more and have taken several lines running from Chateau to Vincennes.

Further north the French have taken strong positions along ridge to the east of Villers-Cotterets forest.

There have been several engagements along the British and American sectors, but the French are more successful than the Germans.

There was intense activity in aerial warfare on Sunday. The French brought down and put out of action 22 German machines, while the British shot down 22 and drove ten down out of control.

Grove's Tasteful Chilli Tonic deserves the material seems which are recommended to the head in the Main-Mosquito Periodical.

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power is furnished by four cylinder, off-shore power, gasoline motors. So well trained are the Humphreys engineers that the construction manager can teach at the rate of half a mile a day.

These railways will be taken to France with the railroad engineers and will not be long before they will be running from the rear lines to the front lines, with shot and shell and smoke, for American influence stands.

Irishmen, who are the backbone of the army, are being severely taxed.

They are not averse to hard work, but the men have to do a great deal better if the quota is reached.—Indiansapolis News.

## AUSTRIAN WAR OFFICE ADMITS ITALIAN GAINS

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HAIG'S OFFICIAL REPORT

LONDON, July 1.—Field Marshal Haig's report from British headquarters in France.

In a general naval operation last night northwest of Albert we captured more than fifty prisoners and nine machine guns. During the night also a party of our troops rushed a hostile post south of Morlancourt.

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**IRELAND IS CLOSELY CONSERVING GASOLINE**

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